



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: SAF Engineering
File: B-258587
Date: November 28, 1994


DECISION

SAF Engineering protests the Defense Logistics Agency's award of a contract to Tracer Commercial Company pursuant to Solicitation No. DLA301-94-R-0002.

We dismiss the protest because the protester failed to file its comments on the agency report within 10 working days after the report due date, as required by our Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(j).

The filing deadlines in our Regulations are prescribed under the authority of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984; their purpose is to enable us to comply with the statute's mandate that we resolve protests expeditiously. See 31 U.S.C. § 3554(a) (1988); Green Mgmt. Corp.--Recon., B-233598.2, Feb. 27, 1989, 89-1 CPD ¶ 208. To avoid delay in the resolution of protests, our Regulations provide that a protester's failure to file comments within 10 working days, or to file a request that the protest be decided on the existing record, or to request an extension of the time for submitting comments, will result in dismissal of the protest. 56 Fed. Reg. 3759, supra; Prio-Leau Culinary Servs., Inc.--Recon., B-236373.6, Jan. 23, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 90. But for this provision, a protester could idly await receipt of the report for an indefinite time, to the detriment of the protest system and our ability to resolve the protest expeditiously. Id.

The protest is dismissed.


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